

Isis and Osiris worshipped by the people of Byblus
to this day.
And [sis put the coffer in a boat and took the
eldest of
the king's children with her and sailed away.
As soon as
they were alone, she opened the chest, and
laying her face
on the face of her brother she kissed him and
wept. But the
child came behind her softly and saw what she
was about,
and she turned and looked at him in anger, and
the child
could not bear her look and died ; but some say
that it was
not so, but that he fell into the sea and was
drowned. It is
he whom the Egyptians sing of at their
banquets under the
The name of Maneros. But Isis put the coffer
by and went to
body of scc]lcr son Horus at the city of Buto,
and Typhon found
menibered the coffer as he was hunting a boar
one night by the light of a
anJtfe^{on} ^ moon_1 ^nc ^ *ie knew the body, and
rent it into fourteen
pieces, pieces, and scattered them
abroad. But Isis sailed up and
bt^sis^{ed} down the marshes in a shallop made
of papyrus, looking for
the pieces ; and that is why when people sail
in shallops
made of papyrus, the crocodiles do not hurt
them, for they
fear or respect the goddess. And that is
the reason, too,
why there are many graves of Osiris in Egypt,
for she buried
each limb as she found it. But others will
have it that she
buried an image of him in every city,
pretending it was his
body, in order that Osiris might be
worshipped in many
places, and that If Typhon searched for the
real grave he
might not be able to find it.² However, the
genital member
of Osiris had been eaten by the fishes, so Isis
made an image
of it. Instead, and the Image is used
by the Egyptians
Diodoms at their festivals to this day.³ "

Isis," writes the historian
the^UburiaT Diodorus Siculus, " recovered all the
parts of the body except
of Osiris, the genitals; and because she
wished that her husband's
grave should be unknown and honoured by all
who dwell In
the land of Egypt, she resorted to the
following device.
She moulded human Images out of wax and
spices, cor-
responding to the stature of Osiris,
round each one of
the parts of his body. Then she
called in the priests
according to their families and took an oath of
them all that

¹ Plutarch, *his et Osiris*, S, 18. pare Hippolytus, *Refutatio omnium*

² Plutarch, *Isis et Osiris*, 18. *haeremtm*, v. 7, p. 142, ed, L. Duncker

and F. G. Schneidewin (Gottineen,
³ Plutarch, *his et Osiris* ^ I S. Com- 1859).